

**VILLAGE OF MIDLOTHIAN  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 7, 2019**

Mayor L'Heureux and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Midlothian, Cook County, Illinois, met in the Council Chambers at the Village of Midlothian on August 7, 2019. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor L'Heureux, Clerk Moskal, Trustees Caveney, Crowley, Gillis, Ivan and Killelea, Attorney Valadez, Deputy Chief Rafferty, Chief Hotwagner and Deputy Clerk Kolacki.  
**Absent:** Trustee Kreis

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

George Doeden – He received an estimated water bill, which was much lower than his actual usage, and asked why it was estimated. Mayor L'Heureux explained that the old software for the meters malfunctioned and we could not transfer any information to Locis. Therefore, the Clerks in the Water Department had to estimate water usage for the last two cycles. We hope to have the new software installed this month and everyone will be trained. George mentioned that his estimated bill was for 4,000 gallons and usually uses 14,000 gallons. Mayor L'Heureux then suggested that he speak with Treasurer Britton.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Trustee Crowley** reported on the following:

- Discussion and approval of the rescinding of a resignation will be discussed in Closed Session.
- She thanked everyone that came out, volunteered, donated, worked or put on presentations at the National Night Out event. It was the most attended National Night Out than ones she has ever attended. She was pleased with all the activities also. Mayor L'Heureux also thanked all Departments that attended and their participation, as well as the Community Policing Committee for all their assistance. It was a huge success.
- The Infrastructure Bonds have been discussed with the Board previously, as well as the Finance Committee. There have been discussions on repairs and replacements for the Village Hall, Police Department and Public Works Department. There have also been discussions of refinancing the current bonds we have to a lower rate and will bring costs down, as well as discussions of a new bond for improvement of infrastructure. Mayor L'Heureux noted that this is a long time coming and explained his reasonings and noted that the Infrastructure Bonds are definitely necessary. Trustee Crowley noted that the rates are at their lowest. This will give us the ability to establish a larger bond and would not raise taxes or incur higher payments. The Board agreed. Trustee Crowley advised that this will go forward at the next Board Meeting and a representative from the firm will also be in attendance next week to answer any questions the Board may have.
- Proven provided a list of the current computers and software they are running and asked that all Department Heads review them to make sure that all computers listed are in their Department. Once

the list is finalized, Proven will provide a plan to integrate our outdated computers to the new Windows.

- An audit has been completed for the phones to make sure nothing is outstanding. All Department Heads, Trustee Ivan and herself have met with Proven to review lists of what phones go where, our voicemails and how the phones will be answered. This will be moving forward soon.
- She congratulated the Police Department and Sergeant Thibo on his Championship win at the Dirty O for Special Olympics. Sergeant Thibo won the trophy and raised the second largest amount of money for Special Olympics. The only other department that raised more money was Joliet and there are 350 policemen. Our Police Department raised over \$20,000.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Trustee Killelea** reported on the following:

- Motion to approve and award the bid for Sewer Televising, Cleaning and Sewer Lining to the lowest bidder, Visu-Sewer of Illinois, in the amount of \$102,469.05 was made by Trustee Killelea and seconded by Trustee Crowley.

**Discussion:** There was no further discussion.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Trustees Killelea, Crowley, Caveney, Gillis and Ivan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- He advised that there has been discussion to install a unilock wall next to the VFW in the parking lot since the current fence was deteriorating, which was suggested by Public Works since it is durable, and will be discussed with the VFW. The Welcome to Midlothian sign will be placed on the fence at a later date. This will go forward for approval at the next Board Meeting.
- He provided an update on the Public Works Building and noted that Superintendent Sparrey has spoken with two structural engineers but has not been able to meet with them in person. He suggested requesting a RFQ similar to the one the Police Station received. Trustee Crowley advised that once we receive the RFQs, they should be passed on to our Village Engineer for their review.
- Mayor L'Heureux advised that the Village will have a new Engineer from Robinson Engineering that will be attending the Village Meetings soon.
- He advised the Board that the old nail salon at 14721 Pulaski building will be demolished soon. The Land Bank is the owner and has a relationship with the Sheriff's Department, which has demolition training, and will complete the demolition at no cost. There is a potential developer for the property and the car lot next door, but the developer did not want to pay to demolish the property. Trustee Caveney suggested that soil borings be taken for this property. When the County comes in with their demolition training crew, they demolish the building but do not necessarily remove the footings and foundation, which can be a problem since our Village Code states that everything must be removed from the ground. Trustee Killelea will check into this and suggested that the Land Bank receive a no fee permit for the demolition. The Board agreed.
- He asked the Board if they had read the Sidewalk Inspection Policy and if there were any questions. Attorney Valadez explained that both he and Superintendent Sparrey met with the contractors who do evaluations and repair of sidewalks for municipalities. There was a Supreme Court decision regarding tort immunity that municipalities hold for discretionary decisions the maintenance of sidewalks. The Court found that the Public Works officials must make an actual decision regarding particular sidewalks to maintain the tort liability. The Supreme Court provided a process that a municipality

will need to go through to make sure that we maintain the tort immunity which states that we have to regularly review the state of the sidewalks and must have some kind of decision. There was then a long discussion on tree roots that could be problematic for the sidewalks and recommendations for improvements.

- There will be an Open House for the Natalie Creek Trail Project on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
- There is now a new development next to Cuzin's, which is now called Gracie's, and they have passed their final inspection. Gracie's will be a premier attraction in Midlothian since it is a Wine Bar. He noted that there was a lot of money invested into the building, the property looks spectacular and will draw many customers to this bar. This property was originally part of the Land Bank.

## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

**Trustee Caveney** reported on the following:

- She provided the Board with a copy of the quote from Julia Plumb to repair the north edge of the Rain Garden for an estimate of \$3,700. She asked Trustee Kreis if we were supposed to have a rock spillway in the middle of the edge. She noted that when the contractor came out to dig the trench, there is a new concrete curb that runs along the south edge of the parking lot and left a large gully of about 12" to 18" wide. This was previously the mulched edge but is not seen anymore since plants are overgrown. There was also a slope to the Rain Garden into the parking lot. Now that the new parking lot is installed and level, the north edge of the Rain Garden is now 12" to 18" higher than the parking lot. We will need to backfill the gully with dirt to meet the Rain Garden. The quote Julia Plumm provided was for seed. She thought some of the seed would blow into the new parking lot and is concerned seed will grow in the crevices of our new parking lot. Julia will provide a quote to plant ground cover.
- Jack's Place has a new owner and will be looking to apply for a Special Use to put in a patio at the back of the property.
- Slapshots is requesting to use part of the outdoor area by their restaurant. Their second anniversary is coming up and wanted to have an anniversary celebration and will be applying for a temporary permit to put up a tent. Mayor L'Heureux advised that they will also need permission from the owner of the property and will have to do some safety checks.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Trustee Gillis** reported on the following:

- He asked when the Fall Fest was. Trustee Caveney advised that the Fall Fest will be held on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. We are partnering with the Park District, Library and VFW to promote a Scarecrow Family Building Night. One will be held on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the VFW and the second one will be held on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the VFW. She invited all families to build a scarecrow.
- The Midlothian Firefighter's Association's annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Midlothian Fire House from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- The fire hydrants have not been painted for many years and suggested that if we did not have someone to paint the hydrants, he wanted to know if there was money in the budget to purchase the paint and would get volunteers to paint the hydrants. Trustee Killelea then advised that Superintendent Sparrey

already has a vendor to paint the fire hydrants and he is very reasonably priced. Chief Hotwagner commented that the vendor is able to sandblast the hydrants and then spray them so that they look brand new.

- He asked that our Code Enforcement Officer check out the property on 145<sup>th</sup> Street and Kolin. There is a bush that has completely grown over a fire hydrant.

## **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**Trustee Ivan** reported on the following:

- He provided Plans to the Board for the hallway and office. The new window will be installed in the Building Department in the next two weeks and the lobby will be painted within the next few weeks. Both he and Trustee Caveney have been working together on all changes proposed for the Departments and will provide an update and costs at a later date. Trustee Killelea asked if there was a plan for the Executive Director's desk and Trustee Caveney advised that they would look into this. There was then discussion on the Plans. Trustee Ivan noted that all changes to the office has been budgeted for. Also, the fiber optics will need new wiring to bring the office up to code.
- The Beautification Committee is creating the designs for signs for the poles similar to what we used on the Village Green, in which they used a simple seasonal sign that is rotated out. The signs will be presented to the Board. They are also working on Hansen Park and has begun the process of cleaning up the property, planting flowers and trimming trees. They are hoping to be able to save the pine tree also. Student volunteers will also be assisting to clean the park up and litter cleanup.
- He asked what the status was for Aunt Martha's boxes on the Village Green and noted that they were not looking so good these days. Trustee Killelea advised that the Girl Scouts had planted some vegetables but would get in touch with Aunt Martha's. Trustee Caveney suggested offering the boxes to community groups or residents for their assistance if Aunt Martha's is no longer interested in maintaining the boxes. This will be considered.

## **LEGAL BUSINESS**

**Attorney Valadez** reported on the following:

- As everyone was aware, we passed an Ordinance for mortgaged, distressed and vacant properties and the intention was to hire ProChamps to implement the objectives of the Ordinance. He has been working on the ProChamps Agreement and will provide his recommendations to the Board for approval at the next meeting. The pet portion of the Agreement will be provided at a later date.
- He will be discussing in Closed Session the Firefighter's Union Contract.
- Trustee Caveney asked a status of the Property Maintenance Ordinance. Attorney Valadez advised that he will be working on drafting the recommendations and amendments of the Ordinance. He confirmed that we will be adopting the Property Maintenance Code and then exempting out the amendments.
- Trustee Ivan asked about the status of the Comcast Agreement and Attorney Valadez confirmed that it would be provided this month.

## **PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS**

**Mayor L'Heureux** reported on the following:

- The Van Bruggen Signs Proposal was provided to the Board for review. He thanked Clerk Moskal for the time he put into this project over the last two years. He noted that Van Bruggen Signs was recommended by Superintendent Weinert and is costly and we will be obtaining additional quotes. He believed that the Village should make this investment however. The upkeep, manual labor and replacement of the letters of the current sign has been difficult. The \$11,446 item is for the removal of the current sign and the new pole made to hold the sign. The other two quotes were for two different size signs. He noted that Posen's new sign cost \$42,000, Aura was \$50,000 and St. Chris was \$34,000. He believed it was time to get a new sign and realizes the sign is expensive. The information would be timely and we will not have to wait to put information on the sign because something else was more important and we will be able to enter the new information on-line. There is also a scheduler in the software and will be able to provide information for events months in advance. The Board agreed. Clerk Moskal will obtain additional quotes.
- He met with representatives from CEDA Energy Services Department. There are over 4,000 residents that are eligible for their assistance programs and only 11% took advantage of their services. They are asking for our help to promote CEDA and advise our residents. There is no charge to the qualifying individuals. He noted that October will start for seniors and anyone on a Social Security Disability benefit. November is for households with children 5 and under or one disconnected utility and December starts applications for anyone eligible. The application period runs from October through May. Information will be placed in the hallway of the Village Hall, our website and Facebook page. The representatives will also come out to any event we have and educate the residents. Trustee Caveney recommended putting the information on the water bills.
- Republic Services asked the Village to accept an increase to the current garbage contract for the increase in the state gas tax implemented in July. He spoke with other Mayors and the increase will happen no matter what we do. If they are mandated by Federal or State, they can pass it on to the municipality. Trustee Caveney noted that we are all subject to the gas tax and did not believe they should ask a municipality to pay them a higher rate since it is a cost for doing business. Trustee Crowley was concerned since there has been a number of times when we have reached out to them requesting help for recycling or other assistance and has not come through. He then advised that communities are getting rid of the recycling program or suspending the recycling program to offset the upcoming increase. Trustee Killelea advised that in his contract for his business for garbage, there is a line item for fuel adjustments. There was a long discussion by the Board.
- Deputy Chief Rafferty advised that we are entering into an agreement with Ring Door Bell, which has a law enforcement portal. The portal will give the Police Department access to all residents with Ring Door Bell and will open their cameras to the Police Department. If there is a burglary or robbery in town, Ring Door Bell will send an email to their customers to check their video for a specific car or incident and if they have the footage, they can forward to the Police Department. He also noted that we do not receive the customer's addresses but works directly Ring Door Bell. If the customer wants to respond, they can and will assist in property crimes. Ring Door Bell is adding 600 Police Departments a month. He further advised that he had a portal discussion and had on-line training yesterday and was provided an agreement to be presented to the Board at the next Board Meeting.
- The Midlothian Charity Golf Outing is on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Midlothian Country Club. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Luminaria and our local charities.

## **CLERK'S BUSINESS**

**Clerk Moskal** reported on the following:

- The Resolution to Keep Closed Session Minutes Closed will be on the Agenda for approval next week.
- There was a Block Party Request for August 17<sup>th</sup> for the 149<sup>th</sup> block of Kilpatrick. The Board agreed and an approval letter will be forwarded.
- He received a request from Trinity Christian Fellowship Church on 147<sup>th</sup> and Central Park they will be hosting an annual Back to School Fest for the families in our community on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They will block off the space in front of the Church and the Church parking lot. They will be also be giving away free book bags and supplies and will have free food, games and crafts. The Board agreed.
- He received a request to use the Village Rain Garden on May 16, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a wedding. The Board agreed.
- There have been problems with the display cabinet for Agendas outside the Village Hall and will need to be replaced. He will be forwarding estimates in the near future.
- All Agendas and Minutes from 2014 through 2018 were moved into BoardDocs. The Agendas for 2018 and 2019 are set up as meetings and include the Minutes. The 2014 through 2017 Agendas and Minutes are in the Library folders. Our website has also been updated and will now take you directly to the BoardDocs public portal. The search features are also available and the Minutes and Agendas are searchable pdf files.

## **ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION**

- Motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1); and to discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) was made may Trustee Crowley and seconded by Trustee Caveney.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Trustees Crowley, Caveney, Ivan, Gillis, Kreis, and Killelea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor L'Heureux advised that there would be further action following Closed Session. The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:35 p.m.

## **RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION**

- The Board returned to Open Session at 9:44 p.m. Motion to return to Open Session was made by Trustee Caveney and seconded by Trustee Ivan.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Trustees Crowley, Ivan, Caveney, Gillis, Kreis, and Killelea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### **CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

- Motion to approve the rescinding of the resignation of the Police Officer mentioned in Closed Session was made by Trustee Crowley and seconded by Trustee Caveney.

**Discussion:** There was no further discussion.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Trustees Crowley, Caveney, Gillis, Ivan and Killelea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- Motion to approve the Sidewalk Inspection Policy as discussed in Closed Session was made by Trustee Killelea and seconded by Trustee Crowley.

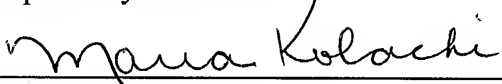
**Discussion:** There was no further discussion.


**Roll Call:** Ayes: Trustees Killelea, Crowley, Caveney, Gillis and Ivan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### **CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

There being no further business, Mayor L'Heureux asked for a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting. Motion made by Trustee Caveney and seconded by Trustee Ivan. Voice Vote: Ayes: Trustees Caveney, Ivan, Gillis, Crowley and Killelea. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Committee Meeting adjourned 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Maria Kolacki, Deputy Clerk

  
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Allen Moskal, Village Clerk

**VILLAGE OF MIDLOTHIAN  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 14, 2019**

Mayor L'Heureux and Board of Trustees of the Village of Midlothian, Cook County, Illinois met in the Council Chambers at the Village of Midlothian on August 14, 2019. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor L'Heureux, Village Clerk Moskal, Trustees Caveney, Crowley, Ivan and Killelea, Attorney Valadez, Chief Delaney, Chief Hotwagner, Superintendent Weinert, Superintendent Sparrey, Engineer Nagle, Treasurer Britton and Deputy Clerk Kolacki.  
**Absent:** Trustee Gillis and Trustee Kreis.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR FALLEN VETERANS**

**MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS & LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- **Jean Bartecki** – Keep Midlothian Beautiful, Beautification Committee, Safety Committee, Friends of the Library
- **Sheryl Lipp** – Technology Committee
- **Rita Sareny** – Keep Midlothian Beautiful and Friends of the Library
- **Jerry Gillis, Sr.** – Midmark Water Commission, Keep Midlothian Beautiful and Zoning Board
- **Joyce Holste** – Friends of Library

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Fred Schmidt – Certificate of Appreciation** - In recognition of his outstanding assistance and quick response as he performed the Heimlich Maneuver to an infant child and cleared her airways and saved her life.

**Rose Vavrinek – Certificate of Appreciation** – In recognition of her dedication, assistance and outstanding service to the residents and customers of Walgreens and celebrating 40 years of employment with Walgreens.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Rita Sareny** – 1) According to a study recorded by a local citizen in May 2018, the United States generates 258 million tons of garbage a year. 2) Saveonenergy.com reports the average American deposits 4.4 pounds of garbage in the trash a day, which doesn't sound like a lot, but multiply that by 323 million people in the United States, it equals 728,000 pounds of trash daily and is enough to fill 63,000 garbage trucks. 3) There are 2,000 active landfills in the United States according to SWEEP (Solid Waste Environmental Excellence Protocol) and they estimate that we will be out of landfill space in 18 years. We need to educate and improve our recycling and this is the focus point for Keep Midlothian Beautiful. 4) Republic Waste has donated the dumpster for our Clean Up Day every year and assisted on National Night Out providing them with coloring books and crayons. 5) She thought



Midlothian should be the environmentally responsible town and set an example and keep recycling going. Mayor L'Heureux then advised that he met with Ernie, our representative from Republic, regarding recycling and stressed the importance of the recycling program in Midlothian and confirmed that the recycling program will continue. We have 5 years left on our contract and we will continue to have the recycling program but will see an increase of \$.50 per house. Ernie has commented that Midlothian is one of the better communities and cited Rita Sareny and the Keep Midlothian Beautiful Committee as being phenomenal stewards and educators.

Mayor L'Heureux also advised that regarding the new state-imposed gas tax, Republic will not automatically impose the tax on the Village until the contract expires but asked to bring to the Board if they would consider a \$.15 per household per month increase. This will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

**Dorothy Kowalski** – She thanked the Village of Midlothian, and particularly the Building Department, for their help with a recent court case she was involved in.

**Joyce Holste** – She had heard that you cannot put signs in the parkway and wanted to host a garage sale. She asked if a garage sale sign could be placed in the parkway. Superintendent Weinert advised that signs in the parkway on her property was permitted but if she is putting the signs in someone else's property, she would need permission. The signs cannot block traffic, however.

**Jean Bartecki** – 1) The Beautification Committee acknowledged that Chuck Hillyer gave a wonderful donation and thanked him. 2) She has plaques that will be going on all the flower boxes donated by the businesses in town and the plaques were donated by Trustee Killelea. 3) Projects they are working on include Hansen Park and Christmas on the Green. 4) They will be holding a celebration for our local gardeners that participated in the Garden Walk and who provided the Midlothian signs. 5) They are looking for ideas to spruce up the Village Green to include the gazebo and flower beds. 6) She asked why the wall was being built by the Rain Garden. Mayor L'Heureux advised that our landscaping company suggested this as an alternative to the space that requires a lot of upkeep and the fencing needs to be replaced.

**Robert Smith** – He lives at 14309 Kilbourn and thanked not only for himself, but everyone in Bremen Heights, the Village Board, Public Works and the contractors that repaved their streets. They were long overdue and is now a pleasure to drive up and down the street and not worry about bumps in the roads. The school children will now be able to walk down the street and will not be dodging holes and cracks in the street. Mayor L'Heureux advised that we were fortunate to receive Motor Fuel Tax from the state and Superintendent Sparrey was able to identify all the worst roads in town to be repaved.

**Theda Reed** – She did not think we should spend over \$40,000 on signs. She noted that we can't start the flood project for Belly Button Hill but can afford to put up a sign. She said that Mayor L'Heureux had promised in his election campaign that he would start the flood projects. She also noted that we are talking about building a new building but disagreed about any remodeling that has been discussed. Mayor L'Heureux explained that he is very sensitive to everyone in town that has endured the heartache, hardship and extreme loss of money through the flooding. Superintendent Sparrey has put money in his budget to address all flood areas in town to begin a study and Belly Button Hill is one of those. Engineer Nagle has also begun the process of the study of Belly Button Hill, Jolly Homes and Bremen Heights. We are moving on this and money has been allocated. The sign comes out of another part of the budget and are two different items. We are not taking money from one project to do another project and are separate projects.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor L'Heureux read the items on the Consent Agenda:

1. ~~Approval of Ordinance #2036 Providing for the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$10,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019 of the Village of Midlothian, Cook County, Illinois and For the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal of and Interest On Said Bonds.~~
2. ~~Approval of Ordinance #2037 Providing for Issuance Not to Exceed \$2,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2019A and Not to Exceed \$1,500,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2019B and Not to Exceed \$8,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2019C and for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal and Interest On Said Bonds~~
3. Approval of Resolution #19-0814-A Finding Continuing Need for Confidentiality of Certain Closed Session Minutes
4. ~~Approval to Execute Agreement Between the Village of Midlothian and Property Registration Champions LLC dba ProChamps (Vacant Property and Foreclosure Registry Contract)~~
5. Approval for Roy Erikson to Remove Existing Stockade Fence and Landscaping and Install New Double-Sided Wall and Minor Landscaping for the Village Hall South Parking Lot Not to Exceed \$4,076.00
6. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes for July 17, 2019
7. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for July 24, 2019
8. Approval of List of Bills

Mayor L'Heureux asked if there were any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Trustee Killelea asked that Items #1 and #2 be removed; Trustee Caveney asked that Item #4 be removed.

- Motion to approve the Consent Agenda without Items #1, #2, and #4 was made by Trustee Ivan and seconded by Trustee Caveney.

**Discussion:** There was no further discussion.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Trustees Ivan, Caveney, Crowley and Killelea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- Motion to approve Ordinance #2036 Providing for the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$10,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019 of the Village of Midlothian, Cook County, Illinois and For the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal of and Interest On Said Bonds was made by Trustee Ivan and seconded by Trustee Crowley.

**Discussion:** Trustee Killelea asked how long we have to spend the money. Stephan Roberts, Bond Representative, advised that there are spenddown requirements. The spenddown is 15% within a certain period and 85% within three years. The \$10 million funding will be used immediately and the spenddown requirements he believed was three years. Trustee Killelea then asked if there was any period when we can refund or redeem the bonds we issue. Stephan advised that with the refunding of the second Ordinance and when the bonds are issued, we will receive funds that go into an escrow for 30 days and then we will liquidate and pay off the bonds. Trustee Killelea asked about the new bonds and advised that normally we can refund or redeem them after a certain amount of years. Stephan confirmed that the municipal bond market is ten years. Trustee Killelea

asked if we could abate any part of the bond levy and Stephan confirmed that we could. He explained that we normally abate and use funds on hand and use revenues and abate the tax. This is how the bonds will be structured. We will still continue to abate the taxes. Treasurer Britton explained that the funds are automatically levied at the County level and we abate whatever we have the funds for.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Trustees Ivan, Crowley, Caveney and Killelea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- Motion to Approve Ordinance #2037 Providing for Issuance Not to Exceed \$2,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2019A and Not to Exceed \$1,500,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2019B and Not to Exceed \$8,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2019C and for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal and Interest On Said Bonds was made by Trustee Caveney and seconded by Trustee Ivan.

**Discussion:** Trustee Killelea commented that the wrong Ordinance was attached to this item on the Agenda. Trustee Crowley asked Stephan that if we postpone the passage of the Ordinance, does the delay affect our interest rates. He advised that since it is the refunding item, there will be no problem in passing Ordinance at the next meeting. This would not affect our interest rates since it was a short period of time and there is a specific process that must be followed.

Mayor L'Heureux then asked for a motion to postpone Item #2 on tonight's Consent Agenda until next week for the Committee Meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 was made by Trustee Crowley and seconded by Trustee Caveney.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Trustees Crowley, Caveney, Ivan and Killelea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- Motion to Execute an Agreement Between the Village of Midlothian and Property Registration Champions LLC dba ProChamps (Vacant Property and Foreclosure Registry Contract) was made by Trustee Ivan and seconded by Trustee Crowley.

**Discussion:** Trustee Caveney questioned the 4<sup>th</sup> Whereas on Page 1 and asked about the electronic registration project being cost free and revenue neutral and did not know what revenue neutral was. Attorney Valadez explained that the fee reflects the cost to the Village. The Village has made a finding that the \$250 they receive twice a year does not provide a profit to the Village but only the cost to the Village to implement and this is our costs for vacant and defaulted properties.

She then asked about Paragraph 1C in which it states that the charges will be deducted up to \$200 per registerable property and did not recall that there was going to be any cost for data acquisition. Attorney Valadez advised that the agreement states that should there be a nominal fee like a copy fee from the Recorder of Deeds. If there is a fee, then the fee can be deducted from the Village portion. Trustee Caveney asked if the \$200 could be lowered and Attorney Valadez confirmed that it could be.

She then asked about the yearly renewal with thirty days' notice and was not in favor of an automatic renewal. She also believed that the thirty days prior notice should be sixty days instead. Attorney Valadez advised that if the relationship is working out and the Village is receiving value, then it would just continue in one-year increments. He also noted that this is not a cash contract for the Village and the Village is not paying anything for this. Trustee Killelea agreed with Trustee Caveney noting that if they did not do what was promised, an automatic renewal would not be the best practice. There was then a long discussion by the Board. It was decided that the renewal contract would be one year instead of two years. Trustee Caveney noted that there were a few typographical errors in Paragraph 7 and Paragraph 9 must include the Village's phone number. In Paragraph 11,

the statement is confusing and says that the Village was registering vacant property only and not defaulted properties. This statement will need clarification. Attorney Valadez advised that this is standard language to say that what we have registered properties, we will provide those properties to ProChamps. Lastly, she asked about the case study information in the contract and wanted to know if we want to allow the vendor to include the Village's information in their marketing. Attorney Valadez commented that it was very helpful to have the information from other municipalities we were making a decision and provided good information. The Board did not have a problem with this language. All changes will be made and presented to the Board at the next Committee Meeting.

An amended Motion was made to postpone Item #4 to go forward at the next Committee Meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 was made by Trustee Ivan and seconded by Trustee Crowley.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Trustees Ivan, Crowley, Caveney, and Killelea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Mayor L'Heureux** reported on the following:

- The Keep Midlothian Beautiful Committee will meet on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

### **FINANCE**

**Trustee Ivan** reported on the following:

- The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- The Beautification Committee will be giving out Certificates of Appreciation to all participants of the Garden Walk at the Historical Society on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

**Trustee Caveney** had nothing to report.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Trustee Killelea** had nothing to report.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Trustee Crowley** reported on the following:

- She sent the Ring Agreement to the Attorney for review. Chief Delaney asked that confidential information of personnel would not be included in the contract. The Agreement was sent to the Board for review.

Motion to approve and execute the Ring Contract was made by Trustee Crowley and seconded by Trustee Ivan.

**Discussion:** There was no further discussion.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Trustees Crowley, Ivan, Caveney and Killelea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

## **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Chief Hotwagner** reported on the following:

- Engineer Kelly chairs an event for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Fundraiser for a Motorcycle Ride & Car Cruise and will be on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> and had provided flyers for everyone. This charity fundraiser raises awareness of suicide prevention, PTSD for first responders and veterans and also bullying. It begins in Crestwood and can either ride a motorcycle or drive your car. There are three stops and ends at the New Lenox American Legion. It is a great cause.
- The Midlothian Firefighter's Association Pancake Breakfast will be on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Chief Delaney** had nothing to report.

**Superintendent Weinert** reported on the following:

- The Plans for the Park District Building have been approved. The sign off from MWRD is the only item that has not been approved and we are waiting for. The Park District will be putting up a silt fence today. The demolition will begin soon and they will be applying for their permits to get the project started.
- The Hardee's Building has been bought by a business in St. Charles called Just Kabobs. They will also be remodeling the building.
- KFC submitted plans to remodel the store so that they have the new corporate image.
- Plans were submitted for a new house on Joseph Court.
- There was a fire on 148<sup>th</sup> and Keeler and the demolition permit has been approved by the County. Once the house is demolished, the current owner will be building a new house on the same property.

**Superintendent Sparrey** reported on the following:

- Natalie Creek Project Update – The bi-weekly meeting was today. Kostner Avenue and the culvert work has begun and is expected to be completed in 4-6 weeks. They will then move to Kilbourn's culvert.
- The scheduled meeting with residents on Kolmar Avenue will be tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. to discuss upcoming work on this block. It is a dead-end street and is challenging for the residents to get in and out of their driveways. They will answer any questions or concerns they have.

**Engineer Nagle** reported on the following:

- The bid opening for the Sanitary Sewer Cleaning was held on July 30<sup>th</sup>. The bids received were Visu-Sewer of Illinois \$102,469.05; National Power Rodding \$106,143.25; Michels Corporation \$110,722.25 and Sheridan Plumbing & Sewr \$126,258.75. The Engineer's estimate was \$130,928.75 and the low bidder, Visu-Sewer, was 22% less than the Engineer's estimate. He is making the recommendation to award the contract for the 2019 Sanitary Sewer Televising Cleaning to the lowest bidder, Visu-Sewer for \$102,469.05.

**Treasurer Britton** had nothing to report.

**Deputy Clerk Kolacki** had nothing to report.

## **LEGAL BUSINESS**

Attorney Nick Valadez reported on the following:

- The Village was dismissed as a defendant regarding the property driveway runoff case that has been raised several times. The dismissal comes with prejudice and we will not be involved anymore.

## **PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS**

Mayor L'Heureux reported on the following:

- The Bremen High School Fieldhouse Grand Opening is Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.
- The 2020 Census is around the corner and we will be working on this. He has appointed Trustee Ivan as the Ambassador for the Village of Midlothian.
- Trustee Killelea provided an advertisement for an All Class Bremen Alumni Picnic on Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Memorial Park and Raday Lodge.
- He was saddened to advise that Tom Mailhot's brother passed away over the weekend. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts.

## **CLERK'S BUSINESS**

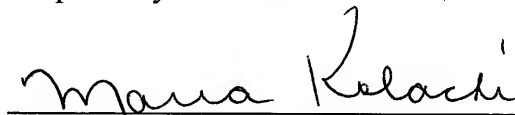
Clerk Moskal reported on the following:

- The Shred Day for Midlothian and Oak Forest residents will be held on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> and is sponsored by Senator Bob Rita.

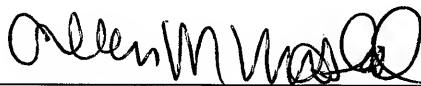
## **CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

There being no further business, Mayor L'Heureux asked for a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting. Motion made by Trustee Crowley and seconded by Trustee Caveney. Voice Vote: Ayes: Trustees Crowley, Caveney, Ivan and Killelea. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board Meeting adjourned 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Maria Kolacki, Deputy Clerk



Allen Moskal, Village Clerk